many silted up tanks in the Bangalore District?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—May be.

Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY.—If so, should they not make special enquiries and find out how far water in each tank is sufficient for irrigating the entire *atchkat*?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—As I said, if the *atchkatdars* complain, it will be investigated.

Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY.—Is it not possible to build *anecuts* to prevent the silting?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—The department has been doing it all along, wherever necessary and possible.

Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY.—One of the former Executive Engineers is reported to have devised certain measures for preventing silt accumulation. Are they being adopted?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Wherever restoration is taken up, it will be tried.

Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY.—Even apart from the work of restoration, is it not necessary to devise measures to prevent silting up?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—I agree that it is desirable to do so.

Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY.—If that is done, will it not be possible to increase the storage capacity of the tank?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Yes, the suggestion will be considered.

Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY.—Will steps be taken in that direction in respect of the 55 tanks intended to be repaired during the current year?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Yes, to the extent possible.

Repairs to Chikkakere Tank in Gundlupet Taluk.

Q.—20. **Mr. T. THIMMAJAYYA** (Gundlupet—Urban).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many years have passed since the breach of Chikkakere (tank), (Vijayapura Amanikere), Gundlupet Taluk;

(*b*) whether there were any petitions by the raiyats of that place requesting the repair of the said tank;

(*c*) what steps have been taken by the Government in this direction;

(*d*) whether they will take immediate steps to repair the said tank?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. G. Mehkri).**—

(*a*) 25 years.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) As the restoration of this tank was considered unremunerative, a separate small tank was constructed to protect the interests of the *atchkat* lands.

(*d*) This does not arise.

Mr. T. THIMMAJAYYA.—Why is it that no answer is furnished about the restoration of Vijayapura Amanikere?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—The question put by the member was about Chikkakere and not about Vijayapura Amanikere.

Mr. T. THIMMAJAYYA.—The object of the question is to bring to the notice of Government that in summer months all the wells in Vijayapura village get dried up.

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—The raising of the bund of the newly constructed tank would increase its storage capacity and be helpful to the wells also.

Mr. T. THIMMAJAYYA.—My suggestion is that the wells will be helped only by raising the waste-weir in cases in which tanks have breached.

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Not if the breach is in the centre. It is not so easy. We shall, however, enquire whether any such thing is practicable.

Feeder Channels to Holavanahalli Tank.

Q.—22. **Mr. S. HANUMANTHARAYAPPA** (Koratagere—Rural).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that even though the Holavanahalli tank is full, the water is not sufficient even for raising half the crop;

(*b*) whether water was being led through a feeder channel to the tank when there was the old *anecut* for the Jayamangali river;

(*c*) whether it is not a fact that one of the objects with which the new

anecut near Sri Kyamanahalli was constructed was to see that sufficient water may be supplied to the Holavanahalli tank also?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. G. Mehkri).**—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) As seen from the records there was no feeder channel to Holavanahalli tank from the Jayamangali river.

(*c*) No.

Mr. S. HANUMANTHARAYAPPA.—With reference to answer (*b*), if the raiyats ask for it, will a feeder channel be constructed from the Kyamanahalli *anecut*?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—There is already an *anecut*. There is no need for a channel also.

The MINISTER for REVENUE and FINANCE (Rajamantrapravina K. V. Anantaraman).—Is not the tank getting water through the old channel?

Mr. G. RAMAIYA.—The channel comes up to the town. From there, up to the tank, it has been closed because there was a proposal to deviate the course of the channel. But somehow it has not been pursued.

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Is the old channel existing?

Mr. G. RAMAIYA.—Yes.

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Why has it been closed?

Mr. G. RAMAIYA.—Because of the slush it was causing all along, they did not want the channel.

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Are the residents agreeable to the channel being opened up now?

Mr. G. RAMAIYA.—Yes, but its course may be deviated so that, as far possible, it may not run within the town.

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—We shall enquire about it.

Requests from Municipalities for giving Elected Presidents.

Q.—34. **Mr. S. NANJIAH SETTY (Madhugiri—Rural).**

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of municipalities in the State which had requested permission of the Government in the matter of having elected Presidents;

(*b*) the number of such applications which have been approved;

(*c*) the number of applications that were rejected;

(*d*) the number of times the members of the Mysore Municipal Council had submitted resolutions to permit them to have an elected President;

(*e*) the reason for non-compliance with such a request?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT (Mr. H. V. Narayana Rao).**—

(*a*) Twelve Municipal Councils (ten Town Municipal Councils and two Minor Municipal Councils).

(*b*) Seven.

(*c*) Four. One application is under correspondence.

(*d*) Six times.

(*e*) It is not considered expedient to grant the request at present.

Mr. S. NANJIAH SETTY.—With reference to answer (*c*), which are the municipalities whose applications were rejected?

Mr. H. V. NARAYANA RAO.—Mandya, Kolar, Malur and Jagalur.

Mr. S. NANJIAH SETTY.—What are the reasons for rejecting them?

Mr. H. V. NARAYANA RAO.—It is not desirable to give out the reasons.

Mr. S. NANJIAH SETTY.—Which is the case that is still under correspondence?

Mr. H. V. NARAYANA RAO.—That of the Shimoga Municipality.

Mr. S. NANJIAH SETTY.—In the case of the Mysore City Municipality, what were the reasons for rejecting the application all the six times?

The MINISTER for REVENUE and FINANCE (Rajamantrapravina K. V. Anantaraman).—That has been answered already in (*e*).

Mr. S. NANJIAH SETTY.—Next to Bangalore, is not Mysore the most important City in the State?

Mr. H. V. NARAYANA RAO.—Yes.

Mr. S. NANJIAH SETTY.—Is it not unjust to refuse to give a non-official